

# FOOD SERVICES BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

## WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Rainwater and snow melt that flows across parking lots, streets and other solid surfaces, picking up pollutants (salt, oils, grease, fertilizer, pet waste) as it flows into storm drains. Storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

## HOW DO RESTAURANTS CONTRIBUTE TO STORMWATER POLLUTION?

- Dumping mop wash water, rinsing mats & kitchen equipment outdoors or down a storm drain
- Poor dumpster management
- Improper management of FOGs.

*Best Management Practices (BMPs): Behaviors and practices used by individuals to prevent or reduce stormwater pollution impacts.*



### FOGs

Don't discharge Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) down sink drains, sinks, or storm drains.



### GARBAGE BINS

Be sure garbage cans, dumpsters and grease collection bins are leak free, and covered when not in use.



### WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

Dispose of wastewater containing fats, oils or grease into grease trap or interceptor. Maintain trap or interceptor.



### EDUCATE STAFF

Post educational materials for employees.  
Label all storm drain: "Dump No Waste, Flows to River".



### PROPER WASHING

Wash mats somewhere that drains to a sanitary sewer area.  
Do NOT wash mats or equipment outside.



### GREASE DISPOSAL

Pour cooled grease into a large garbage can or container.  
Once grease has solidified, dispose of it with regular garbage.

